Effects of LAB detergents on environment and ecology

962. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the serious controversy reging over harmful effects and dangers from use of LAB detergents as reported in the E.T. 24-1-1992, E.T. 3-1-1992, F.E. 8-1-1989, F.E. 6-9-1989 and if so the steps taken so far to settle this issue; and

(b) whether Government are also aware of the report of Deptt. of Science and Technology's consumer protection panel on the subject and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon to protect public irterest as reported in a letter by Shri B. P. Godrej in the E.T. of 31-1-1992?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) The Government are aware of the different views expressed in the newspaper reports relating to the criteria for labelling detergents as environment freindly products as proposed and notified by the Ministry of Environment and Forests on November 29; 1991 inviting objections against these criteria. The objections received are under consideration.

(b) Government are aware of the study made by the Department of Science & Technology on detergents. It is a test-report of various constituents used in the manufacture of detergents including various active ingredients. However, concentration of LAB is not separately analysed in the study. Government have no information on the largescale contamination of well-water with LAB though may be some cases of minor contamination. The issues raised by Shri B. P. Godrej in his letter to the Economic Times of 31-1-1992 and also in an earlier letter to the Government are among those under consideration. The scheme on Labelling of Environment Friendly Products notified by the Government seeks, *inter-alia*, to ultimately improve the quality of the environment and to encourage the sustainable management of resources and thus to protect public interest.

Patalganga industrial zone

963. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the approval for the massive expansion of a number of factories besides setting up a Naptha pipeline plant by the Government of Maharashtra in Patalganga industrial zone in reversal of its decision in violation of the pollution norms; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government with regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) According to State Government, approval for industrial units and naptha pipeline has been given after examination of environmental aspects and without violating the pollution norms. The State Government has also set up a Committee to ensure necessary environmental safeguards in the area.

समुद्रतट इत्यादि पर प्रदूषण रोकने के लिए "वोहरा समिति"

964. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह :** क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने समुद्री-तटों तथा अन्य जगहों में प्रदूषण रोकने के लिए "वोहरा समिति" गठित की है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उस समिति के विचारार्थ विषय क्या है और इसके द्वारा अपनी रिपोर्ट कब तक प्रस्तुत किए जाने की संभावना है ; और

(ग) क्या समिति ने गोवा समुद्री तट पर प्रस्तावित जापानी ग्राम (विलेज) के संबंध में कोई रिपोर्ट दी है ?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमल नाथ) : (क) तटीय क्षेत्रों में पर्यटन और होटल सुविधाओं तथा अन्य संबंधित मामलों से संबंधित मुद्दों की जांच करने के लिए श्री बी० बी० वोहरा की अध्यक्षता में एक विशेषज्ञ समिति गठित की गई है ।

(ख) समिति के विचारार्थ विषय निम्नलिखित हैं :—

(1) पर्यटन और होटल सुविधाओं की स्थापना करने के बारे में देश के तटीय क्षेत्रों में मौजूदा वास्तविक लागू विनियमों और मानकों की जांच करना ।

(2) उस संदर्भ में इन विनियमों और मानकों के तर्कों और व्यवहारिकता की जांच करना ।

(3) समुद्र तट सैरगाहों की तुलना में तटीय विनियम जोन नीति की जांच करना ।

(4) पर्यटन और होटल सुविधाओं की स्थापना करने के संदर्भ में इन विनियमों मानकों में जरूरत पड़ने पर संशोधन करने की सिफारिश करना ।

समिति द्वारा अपनी रिपोर्ट 15 अप्रैल, 1992 तक प्रस्तुत किए जाने की संभावना है ।

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Ayurvedic/Homoeopathic Dispensaries

965. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the administration/management of stores and inspection of all Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic dispensaries under the C.G.H.S. is under the charge of Allopathic doctors;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to entrust the same to the doctors of respective systems of medicines; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (c) Day-to-day administration and management of the Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic stores/dispensaries is under the charge of the Physician Incharge of the Ayurvedic/ Homoeopathic Dispensary. Only inspection and administrative control of Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic stores/Dispensaries is under the Additional Director-(Hq.)/Addl. Director of respective Zones.

(d) In view of (c) above, the question does not arise.

Raids conducted by the Department of Prevetnion of Food Adulteration

966. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2828 given in the Rajya Sabha on 18th December, 1991 and state:

(a) the comparative figures regarding the number of raids conducted and the number of samples lifted by the present East Zone Team and the West Zone Team respectively upto 15th February, 1992 after the remedial measures taken by the Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration, Delhi Administration, Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that wide variation in the comparative data of the team (a) above is due to deputation of two regular Local (Health) Authorities of the Department with the present East Zone Team and the deputation of overburdened non-regular SDMs/LACs with the present West Zone Team; and

(c) if so, action proposed by Government to depute one regular LHA of the department with the present West Zone Team out of two regular LHAs deputed with the present East Zone Team as a remedial Team?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) As the information furnished by the Delhi Administration, the number of